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Rail Traffic

1. Total east and westbound rail traffic during the week ending 28 July 1951 for the following posts was: Pol Dasht, 38 trains; Dzhulfa, 61 trains; Sia Rud, 32 trains; and Khuda Afarin, 24 trains.

Road Traffic2. Dzhulfa

Total east and westbound road traffic through Dzhulfa for the week ending 28 July 1951: 1300 trucks, 28 jeeps, and 11 autos carrying troops and civilians. The ratio of troops and civilians to the number of vehicles is small. The number of persons carried by every 50 trucks did not exceed 112.

3. Garmi and Namin

Soviet truck traffic opposite the posts of Umaschan and Assadlu was increased. The loads were unidentified because the trucks were covered.

4. Astara

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One hundred ten trucks carrying food, troops, and civilians.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Forty-five vehicles carrying food, troops, and civilians.

Westbound road traffic, from Astara: Fifty-six vehicles with unstated loads.

Eastbound road traffic, to Astara: Eighty-six vehicles carrying troops and civilians.

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Military Activities

5. Dzhulfa

From 50 to 300 Soviet troops participated daily in military exercises at Dzhulfa. Machine gun firing and anti-aircraft practice was carried out.

6. Serakhs

Six Soviet aircraft were observed landing and taking off from Serakhs airfield in the period covered by observation.

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